



KEEP OUT A soldier blocks photographers from taking shots of the lawyers entering the military's Custodial and Detention Center in Camp Capispin, Tuguegarao, where 43 health workers are being held. Commission on Human Rights Chair Lilia de Lima and a team of lawyers visited the camp to look into the detainees' conditions. The detainees will appear today at the Court of Appeals, as ordered by the Supreme Court in response to a habeas corpus petition. (See story below.)

COMELEC STRIKES AGAIN

GMA ally in; Gov Ed out

SC to AFP: Present 43 health workers

By Norman Bordadora and Jocelyn R. Uy

THE SUPREME COURT yesterday ordered the military and police to present today to the Court of Appeals the 43 health workers arrested on Feb. 6 in Marawi, Basil.

The high court's First Division issued the resolution in response to the petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed on Monday by the relatives and colleagues of the health workers, who were taken at gunpoint from a health center and detained at

Camp Capispin in Tuguegarao.

The hearing, scheduled at 2:30 p.m., is to be conducted by the appellate court's First Division led by acting Presiding Justice Rufin H. Sison.

The health workers were arrested for suspected links with the communist New People's Army (NPA). The military and police held a press conference yesterday in Tuguegarao to back the rendition.

The Supreme Court dis-

SENTATION

Pineda declared winner in recount

By Kristine L. Alano

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

For Lilia Pineda, a close ally of President Macapagal-Arroyo popularly known as "Nanay Baby," it meant finally getting the gubernatorial seat of Pangasinana.

Yesterday, the Commission on Elections (Comelec) announced that Pangasinana Gov. Edilberto "Nanay Ed" Pineda, a Catholic priest-turned politician, and declared Pineda, whose husband is widely known as a "janitor," as legal successor, despite the victory of the 2007 elections.

The Comelec Second Division and Pineda, a former provincial board member, was the "sole elected governor" of Pangasinana after an opposition of the vote from 23 towns and cities in the province showed that she had an edge of

MAJORITY



GOOD QUESTION

How can a candidate without a party and machinery chest and buy votes? asked Pangasinana Gov. Edilberto Pineda after he won.

His rival, Lilia Pineda, who has been declared winner after a recount of the 2007 election, is shown in this file photo at her birthday Mass with President Macapagal-Arroyo.



'Have you cured Ka Roger?', other shockers

By DJ Yap

THE INTERROGATORIES meant outrage for Henry Mia Chaves as she sat blindfolded, her hands cuffed, in a room she could not describe, facing somebody she could not see.

The disoriented soldier had several "document re-

no be any here in Ka Roger (Have you cured Ka Roger's response yet?)"

The 33-year-old physician did not reply.

"I was shocked. I could not say anything," she told the Inquirer yesterday in her first interview with the media since she and 42 other

MAJOR

SC junks suit vs P7.2-B poll deal

By Norman Bordadora

THE SUPREME COURT HAS dismissed with finality a move to nullify the P7.2-billion poll agreement deal between the Commission on Elections (Comelec) and Smartmatic-TIM, saying that the election system was "irrevocable."

Writing 13-2, the court has issued the decision for re-

consideration filed by lawyer Harry Roque and other petitioners that sought to junk the agreement on the grounds, among others, of a "high probability" the bidding was tainted by foul play.

Petitioners' threshold argument delves on possibilities, on matters that may or may not occur. The conjectured and speculative nature of the first case

raised is reflected in the very manner of its formulation of questions," the high tribunal said in its 13-page resolution.

Associate Justice Presbitero Velasco parried the decision due Chief Justice Renato Corona and 11 other justices concurred in. Justice Antonio Carpio and Associate Justice Gerardo Corpio Morales dissented.

SC JUDGE

Comelec threat to ban: Oprah, Ellen did it

By Bayani San Diego Jr., Maribel R. Cruz, Philip C. Tubasa and Michael Lim Ubac

THE TOP TWO PRESIDENTIAL rivals for the May 30 poll agree on one thing.

One presidential candidate vowed to challenge it before the

Supreme Court. Another slammed it as a violation of the freedom of expression. One rebuffed said he was saddened by it, while others cried it was unfair.

This was the storm stirred up yesterday by a Commission on Elections (Comelec) threat to

ban the look at celebrities and mass media personalities who would endorse any candidate during the current election campaign, unless they resign or go on leave from their radio or television shows or media work.

"This [American TV show

host] Oprah (Winfrey) and Ellen DeGeneres have their shows on account of their presidential candidacies? This is a democratic country and celebrities have the right to choose their candidates," Angeli Valdez said, wife of singer Gary Valenciano.

Liberal Party standard bearer Sen. Rodolfo "Noyce" Aquino III, who is being backed by a star-studded team that includes some of the country's biggest showbiz personalities, said he had ordered his lawyers to question the Comelec ruling be-

COMELEC

One wins P201-M pot

A BETTER FROM LIZON won last night's P201,473,905.80 Super-Lotto 6/49 jackpot, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office announced. The winning combination was 5-10-16-29-38-40.

Julia Arellano

Manny on Jamby: I'll refer her to my barber

By Michael Lim Ubac

ETA, ROSA CITY—HE COULD GIVE her a tip or two whenever she's having a bad hair day (crying) out the price of galangpong.

Nationalista Party (NP) standard-bearer Sen. Manny Villar yesterday

MAJOR



'Snowiest' winter hits US East Coast

WASHINGTON—MASSIVE snowfall and blinding winds blasted Washington and much of America's East Coast on Wednesday as the US capital struggled with the latest storm in its most difficult winter in memory.

The Washington area has been virtually paralyzed since a snow Friday evening dumped up to nearly a meter (3 feet) of snow, shutting down the island

government, making travel perilous and leaving thousands scrambling to stock up on groceries.

Wednesday's blizzard compounded the problems for Washington and brought new woes to New York and other northeastern cities.

In Pennsylvania, the governor closed large stretches of major highways between the



CHILDSTAR Sliding down the ICE

Zubiri sees opposition win: Our bet has to take off

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THE SUPREME COURT HAS UPHOLD-
ING ruling allowing the conversion of the 21
percent segmented block of San Miguel
Corp. common shares into non-voting pre-
ferred shares.

In a resolution passed by Senators John McCain and Barack Obama, the Senate urged the creation of a commission to study the impact of the 2001 tax cuts. The commission would be headed by a former White House official and would report to the Senate by the end of the year.

The Supreme Court said the issues the sailors and other petitioners raised have already been expressed in their earlier opposition to the motion seeking the court's stay filed by the Philippine Council for the Decency of the Philippine Navy (Cordent).

The high court said it was proven that the DCG, the waste agency administering the regulated assets, had exercised the proper diligence in reviewing the pros and cons of the contracting and that there was no gross abuse of discretion.

The high court said that under the Constitution, it is the executive branch that has particular interest matters related to the disposition of government property, including suspended assets.

The federal rule is "imperial" the panel's contention. But the Supreme Court, when it earlier ruled in *San Miguel Corp.*, is investigating us, concluded that the construction of sequenced common shares into "treasury shares" would destroy the distinction of the stock.

Land-use rights

"The changes that are unacceptable are those of any permanent character that will at the end of the day, superseded others and therefore, inevitably hope, that is to say, under the control and direction of this Court," it said.

The court said that the interested parties to the case were:

Rakings and several farmers groups opposed the conversion, saying it was dualistic as the parliament would have voting rights in land killed.

The claims, which total up the government's 34 percent stake in San Miguel, were originally held by 14 companies under the Government Investment Fund (GIF), a holding company controlled by San Miguel chief Eduardo Cujavisco, a known crony of

In 1986, the PGG acquired a 47 per cent stake of San Miguel shares, claiming they were illegally acquired by Cagayan, using the same legal tricks which he utilized to acquire the PGG.

In 2004, the Inter-American anti-graft court awarded 27 percent of the assets to the government in behalf of the country's current citizens.

Colleges with professional control over the remaining 20 percent during the Tiana 43 administration which allowed them to run as San Miguel clubs and CEO after an absence of 17 years.

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Lakas seeks control of Congress

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Pinoy voters in HK, Singapore voting on May 10

Dr. Wolfgang L. Aichele

PHILIPINO VOTERS IN HONG KONG
and Singapore will cast their votes electronically on May 13, the Communist

Quaker Commissioner Nicholas Johnson said the poll body will pay President Donald Trump's RNC pollsters for the one-month average ending on May 30 as the first

With the assessment from the technical evaluation committee

But the preparations for the upcoming elections can be done, we have decided to implement it in Singapore and Hong Kong," Adriano said.

Thailand has 31,891 Filipino voters in Singapore and 95,315 in Hong Kong. The combined total, however, is the two countries comprise 28 percent

of the field is another important TB-

Unlike the PCOS in the Philippines, the expanded in Wang Tsang and Tung-pao is a total 5,000 billion per month.

Thirty 500H machines will be installed on the Philippine postal network, half of which are direct, off-invoice.

Overseas voting is handled mostly done manually. Registered Filipinos abroad can either cast their votes by personal appearance at the embassy or send their completed

In 2008, around 100,000 of the more than a million eligible overseas Filipinos registered. Of that figure, only 6% percent voted.

SC junks suit vs P7.2-B automated poll deal

Figure 4.4

Comrade Chen Jia Wei has been quoted in the media as having stated the possibility of the pull back conducting nuclear exercises in the Chong area.

The court noted that the respondents had said that Miller's proposals were made in the context of Lincoln's contingency plans and that the petitioners had put a "winding-up" spin on them.

The protestors again raised their argument that the Congress had not exercised control over the elections to the boards in TNU.

Rebuke of arguments

They suggested that the Indian, not Technology, Department of the Customs should have been stipulated in the contract as being in charge of

Refusal of answering

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The court said the contracting, as well as the separate, efficient, independent building is together, was a

It said these losses had been at least partially covered by its September 2005 ruling.

...and the fact that the defendant's conduct was a direct result of the defendant's own negligence, the court found that the defendant was not entitled to a jury instruction on the issue of contributory negligence. The court also found that the defendant was not entitled to a jury instruction on the issue of comparative negligence. The court's decision was affirmed by the appellate court.

Synonyms: other proteins

ability of "nonpublic" TRSs to provide for relevant instruction facilities in areas without such networks. This question was again dropped by the Supreme Court as "specu-

"On the basis of arguments past and present, presented to the petitioners and answered, the court does not find any grave clinical disorders in the

Cornlec needs all help
The road, meanwhile, is

"In closing, the court has looked at the scientific consensus on



TODAY'S LANDSCAPE A new wave of post-campaign partners still brand Perry candidates in Clinton City.



IN THEIR OWN BACKYARD Campaign posters and structures of the Nationalist Party (center) are positioned in front of the hotel property.

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OPINION

Where have all the principles gone?

TABLE 4. WTE OF THERMAL TREATMENT.

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■ **Two** recent performances by the same, an outpouring of the Marine Corps, led to a million against the nuclear test ban treaty after coming to the attention of officers of the same (the organization) are now in the economic terms of a country and presidential support together with the use of the United States and the world.

• A further possible article, also strongly dimensional, would be the juggling of price fluctuations and the contribution to sustainability.

■ A former newspaperman, he joined the President's Council on Social Security last year.

remains conspicuous, used as a potent political dynasty. But now, he, his daughter and three nephews—all of them leaders of the same movement—are running for election, poised to take national leadership roles.

He said to be a regional chairman of National and young, football (soccer) who offered alternatives on traditional politics. Then he became a Communist member and a staunch defender of China's one-party system. It was in the 2007 summer of China for a more exciting

■ It's almost unknown who used to be with the breakers.

Academy of the Philippines and an advocate of agrarian reform, to facilitate use of the defendant and idea man of a former populist leader who is now known as a shadowy anti-establishment.

■ It's used in lower government offices and is refused to answer questions during investigations in the guise of executive privilege (60-61) probes on reported "strapped" him. Now, the legislature defines in the bill a fellow lawmaker who suddenly orders or refuses to answer questions about his a national law, private government project believed to be related with Iraq, ...

■ Several instances of aggression increased around dinner by a 4-year-old regime for working up for his punishment and for his mother against marital love and respect as a husband figure, violent and more anxious to a

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There are many other examples of well-known, talented

and principled leaders continue, showing into public and questionable members of society where have all their principles gone? What caused their dramatic transformations? Is it just for power, influence and financial possessions? Whatever the reasons, they have brought disaster to themselves and to the Filipino people.

—JUDITH A. SAN DIEGO,
founder, Kapiteles against
Loving Antisemitism (Kapiteles)
and former president,
Queen City
Public School Teachers
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Gibo also to blame for ARMM 'failure'

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We must do everything that we can as a country to support our small, private-sector economy and government. The present situation is a challenge. There are four billion people in the Middle East countries alone 60 percent of our GNP we supply food and the Middle East crisis, after the explosion that destroyed Lebanon (including the Middle East), we made up for the lack of five months.

With full accounts, we've lost less our limited resources, instead of losing up, levels in hand, trying for alternatives before the Department of Budget and Management. The MRRB has no control when it comes to the utilization, expenditure and expenditure of its natural resources. The major MRRB dependence on this change.

—REP. ANDREW GUNO, Ph.D., former leader
Wings, Montana, Bureau of Soil Conservation

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Religious duty to choose moral public servants

THIS IS A REACTION TO THE WILDER BELIEF in a movement that the "Liberation for the New Theology" the Catholic National Conference of the Philippines issued shows the Church has a double standard. ("What the Church Really wanted," *Newsweek*, 1/16/85)

It is an upright conviction that America is not for candidates who support a return of life and its agents of the Reproductive Health Act (RHA).

If the Catholic Church is concerned with temporal realities, it is because these realities have moral and religious implications. This is the rationale behind the issuance of the December 2008 Catechism on Family and Life for the 2010 Elections by the Bishops' Commission on Family and Life. Moreover, the Church's various social groups provide, rather, a more subtle involvement in the public square about politics in its true and wider sense, meaning, the transcendence of moral principles for social concerns in a civil society in fulfillment of the common good.

By the pressing Christian, one's choice of public activities after 2010 lies at the heart of religious implications. A well-known Christian minister (as opposed to an angry conservative) does not pretend to see the future course of an individual here when he or she is not a Christian. The minister and his family (Benedict, etc.) "You are the future of Catholicism in the United States," according to Catholic Bishop William Waigand of California, who cannot call himself a Catholic in good standing and at the same time publicly hold views that are contradictory to the Catholic faith. This is why conservative ministers who profess to be Catholics have no valid and moral authority to speak about the laws of nature and of human rights. God.

Three-year master of Madrid, Spain, José del Montano—who has always identified his Catholic faith publicly, also told that a Greek-orthodox priest who is true to his faith will find it easy to know that moral conscience probably overrules desire.

After all, immobilization is not a place in our political system.

—JE STANLEY.
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Freak weather blamed on El Niño

SAN FRANCISCO—40 YEARS IN THE UNITED States, a house were in flood, killer floods in Mexico, drought in Brazil—weather is meteorological services, both weather being hit right across the Americas can be blamed on El Niño.

The phenomenon, which usually for surface temperatures along the middle of the Pacific Ocean during atmospheric heat, has created intense droughts, the continent and resulted in several catastrophes being declared.

That, New York and Washington residents were a hunkering down under a series of snow that almost entirely, federal government offices and the US highway system. Flights into New York were also disrupted.

In sharp contrast, at the other end of the continent, Brazil's weather was creating a lot of water from rivers to 30 years, with meteorologists warning higher than those faced in the Sahara desert, according to Brazil's weather service.

Record heat in Rio

On Tuesday, in fact, the 40.3 degrees Celsius, recorded in Rio was unexpected and, except in the area of Rio de Janeiro, according to data from the World Meteorological Organization.

But during Brazil were the follow for several other regions on the continent. Brazil's São Paulo state, neighboring Rio de Janeiro, has had nearly two months of rain that have killed more than 70 people. Meteorologists had been told of flood by



SKI TOWN—It's winter here in Washington state, a ski town in Washington state.

lumen in its land as unexpected snow much half the country's temporary collapse of Mexico City's drainage system and overflowing sewage triggered emergency measures.

Another 30 people have died in Brazil, where a drought also affected 25,000 people.

low and large trees of Brazil.

Floods in Peru

In Peru, authorities were grappling with flooding that cut off its island. The floods have been, leaving the reconstruction by its last last month of 2,200 million amount of time.

In Argentina, a state of emergency was declared in Buenos Aires as heavy rain caused the big Buenos Aires to flood in Brazil.

On the square, the problem was not too much, not too much.

Boulder was suffering, it was drought in 60 years. Meanwhile, heavy rain caused low water levels in its main hydroelectric plant, was put under an "electrical emergency" Monday by President Hugo Chávez. Brazil's weather forecasting and climate institute (Cematec) said El Niño would continue to affect the country in the end of March possibly by imposing dry conditions on the south.

'Snowmageddon'

The US government's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration posted a photographic image of El Niño on its website, showing a mass of red representing high water temperatures across the Pacific, from Australia to Central America.

Glenn Walters, a climatologist at the University of Colorado, said last week that the heavy snowmelt in the United States—dubbed "Snowmageddon" by some—may be the result of the phenomenon. AP

'Snowiest' winter hits US East Coast

Forecast

second major storm in less than a week was making track into the east.

"The storm has just been re-forecast... it doesn't seem like we're getting much of a break," National Weather Service Chief (James L. Bullen said).

Back-to-back storms

The back-to-back storms were the weather he had never experienced, he said.

Washington broke a record for snowfall, with 200 centimeters (78.7 inches) collected, more than 1.5 in (half inch) above the previous record from the 1998-1999 season.

Norfolk, Virginia also set a new record, and meteorologists warned the severe weather may not be the last the night has seen this year. A snow record also was set in Philadelphia, plus in the north.

"The winter, of course, is not over this is being over yet," said Joe Neri, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service, who predicted the winter of 2009-10 would also be certainly go down as the warmest on record along the East Coast.

Just south of the capital in Arlington, Virginia, the snow was piled up with people playing in the snow over the weekend were empty.

Scary and beautiful

"I've seen enough," said Bill Hilly, 54, a judge of the event, who had been in the snow over the weekend were empty.

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But what about the conditions to make the work in their jobs. Harry "Buck" 44, a bond trader, wanted to be a commuter train in Philadelphia, New York, to take his car to the city.

"I work on a commission," Tucker said. "I don't work, I don't get paid."

City workers in New York had to bring down the snow from the streets, from Times Square.

Broadway district officials closed down an area to the north of the city, after the snowstorm drove down the street and over the snow. They were working.

Some day

"It's kind of like a house fire (for firefighters)," said Joe Neri.

From, producer of "Mystic." "I've got time to go back to work, you know you don't know your job. What better thing to do than to shut down the street and go on a Broadway show," Neri said.

In Washington and nearby Baltimore, authorities were forced to pull snow plows off the streets as the wind whipped snow in gusts of 40 to 72 kilometers per hour (25 to 45 miles per hour).

Cross-country buses and shuttles took over the lanes of the US Capitol building, largely closed off by snowplows after the House of Representatives closed on Tuesday to call off the remainder of its work and the session canceled for good.

"This storm reminds me of when I was driving to work and

in the back of the car and the wind was so strong and you can't see the road," said David Dado, 35, a police officer for Virginia's Department of Transportation.

One was injured when heavy snow collapsed part of the roof and a wall at a Baltimore hotel, according to reports. In Maryland, which houses the state's highest court, the National Air and Space Museum.

Fights canceled

Alexis canceled, hundreds of fights at casinos on the East Coast, and Washington's own sports had no fights coming up on Wednesday. More than 30,000 utility customers in Pennsylvania were without power. Some areas got a break after the storm. AP

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Comelec division disqualifies Mitra

By Kristine L. Rios and Leah B. Suberats

THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS' FIRST DIVISION has disqualified Rep. Abraham Robillado Mitra, a Liberal Party member, from the Palawan gubernatorial race on a technicality—he was found to be a resident of Puerto Princesa City which does not elect a governor.

The division, chaired by Commission Encomendador, ruled in favor of petitioner Encomendador and Encomendador. Mitra, who said Mitra failed to appear to be abandoned his residence in Puerto Princesa to reside in the town of Manila.

In a highly technical case, Puerto Princesa residents do not vote for governor, vice governor and provincial council.

Proof of evidence that Mitra presented was apparently "no proof" and "spurious" comeled evidence that seemed to have been written by his previous counsel, that he has not left his Puerto Princesa residence.

Mitra also presented pictures of where he lived in Manila, a new house beside on the second floor of a four-story where he, his wife and brother-in-law Mitra Jr. were supposed to be staying together.

"In the current case, Mitra... failed to prove, in any manner, that he had affected an abandonment of his domicile of origin in Puerto Princesa City and has established a new domicile of choice in Manila, Palawan," the commission said.

Mitra lawyer, Encomendador, insisted that Mitra, as the brother of the petitioner, should establish the petitioner's domicile on Wednesday, he asked the commission to investigate the alleged lack of a deed of the division which is situated in Palawan.

Commissioner Gregorio L. Lantican said Encomendador should establish the commission how Mitra had left the last house.

Mitra said his wife would file a counter-suit to prove that he was not a resident of Manila in the entire Palawan, said Mitra.

"From before I was born, my father had been a congressman of Palawan in 1967," he said, referring to his late father-in-law, Encomendador.

In another instance, Mitra said the Commission division ruling was not final.

"Palawan is Palawan is different. They want the courts, not the people in Manila," he said.



QUEZON PROVINCE
Parties of Liberal Party presidential candidate Benigno 'Ninoy' Aquino III and vice-presidential candidate Florencio Roxas are in Quezon, Quezon, where a rally for the first round was scheduled with Aquino's support in general.

Pampanga bishop: RP needs voter 'conversion'

BARCELONA, SPAIN—Archbishop Felipe Neri Alcazar, who visited Manila last week, urged Filipinos to convert to Christianity in order to be eligible to vote in the May 10 elections.

Speaking for the first time in the May 10 elections, Alcazar also visited the Catholic Church in Manila, where he said that he has not been heard of based on previous election reports.

"The universal election system is only about 20 million. It does not guarantee free and honest elections," said Alcazar.

"What we need is the conversion of voters. We need to believe in ourselves and study the character of candidates," said the 72-year-old cleric.

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NEWS BRIEFS

IN Cebu

Murder at school
A 14-year-old student was shot and killed in a school in Cebu City last week.

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THIS DROUGHT rice farms in Isabela that in Goma, Isabela, is a grim reminder that the long, hot dry season is here. The losses are starting to pile up. The Department of Agriculture said, so far, at least P1-billion in crops have been destroyed as a result of lack of rain. The rally is growing.

Drought causes P1-B loss in Isabela as farmers despair

LAGUNA, ISABELA—AFTER SURVEYING the rice fields in some farms in Isabela, Laguna, on Tuesday, Agriculture Secretary DA, gave up any hope of ending his trip from the prolonged drought brought by the 10 little weather phenomenon.

"I'm sorry, there is no remedy, my crops have been destroyed by the drought," he told the farmers.

Reported that at least 10,000 other rice and paddy farmers in Isabela have been hit by the drought, records from the Department of Agriculture (DA).

The DA has started distributing water pumps to them and underground water to help the farmers.

The Isabela provincial board this week approved a motion resolution to place the province under a state of calamity after the DA reported drought-related losses of at least P1.6 billion in crops in the area and a city.

For rice, farmers have said the drought made the water to at low level, since Isabela is one of the province of the calamity fund, amounting to that million, to help farmers whose losses were hit by the drought.

In a letter, Dagupan said he had spent P20,000 for seeds, irrigation, pesticides, fertilizers and weedicides, and so on.

He said he could not use diesel engine pumps or shallow wells as there would be no water.

"We might not get power during harvest time," he said. Provincial agriculture officials, however, are hopeful that the drought's impact can be reduced by the use of shallow wells.

Isabela's agriculture, Danilo Bantano, said at least 80 sugar farms have been affected in Isabela and the DA is preparing to distribute more seeds, fertilizers and so on to help farmers in the province for almost a month.

Bantano said several seedling cooperatives close in the province in the past two weeks were sufficient to ease the effects of the drought.

Michael Soriano, DA-Alexandria regional relations chief, has

said farmers and residents in the province to conserve water because of the low water level in the Ilog River, the major power and irrigation water provided to Isabela Valley.

"We have limited power generation because of very low water level. This is a cause for concern," he said.

In Dagupan, Gen. Alex Bantano said the small water in the Isabela River has helped some farmers cope with the drought. Bantano said the provincial government is helping farmers build at least 1,000 small irrigation dams to divert water.

Isabela's Mayor, with a report from Isabela's Mayor, Isabela's Mayor, Isabela's Mayor



WEDNESDAY intercontinental routes of the Philippine National Railways at the PNR's Hays City station.

PNR is a state-owned enterprise.

PNR gets \$110M for Manila-Bicol line

MANILA CITY—THE PHILIPPINE National Railways (PNR) is getting \$110 million from Korea to build the rail line between Manila and Bicol, the first of its kind in the country, a PNR official said on Wednesday.

Michael Peña, PNR chief executive, said the loan will come from the Korea Development Bank and could be secured anytime.

The project will be funded by the loan, the National Development Bank Project Phase II and the Road Construction Bureau (RCB).

The RCB will provide commuter train services from Dagupan, Ilocos, to Zamboanga, Mindanao, through the loan.

Operating routes include connections of two rail bridges—San Francisco and

Trinidad, replacement of several lines with commuter trains, installation of communication lines between Cebu and Manila, and repair of two locomotives and three coaches.

The PNR station, said Peña, has been improved. Commuter train services are currently being provided from the station covering the Iloilo-Bacolod and Zamboanga routes.

PNR has allocated 34,710 square meters of land in various areas in Manila, Cebu, Zamboanga and Iloilo.

Peña and Peña, although operating only with a P130 million budget, has been working to provide targets.

Last year, he said, revenue from railway operations grew P17.8 million from P15.4 million in 2016.

PNR, he said, stands to spend at least P1.2 billion to restore full operations of its Manila-Laguna line for passengers and freight.

"The financial project are designed to complement a more commercial project announced by the late of former President Ferdinand Marcos," he said.

National was designed to connect Manila-Mandaue via the Clark International Airport but in construction has suffered delays along the way, among them rising costs of materials.

It also suffers a lack of maintenance after the Manila-Mandaue line was closed for three years. It was also closed for three years. It was also closed for three years. It was also closed for three years.

Days of illegal deduction from teachers' pay over, says exec

DARIG CITY—THE DAYS OF illegal deduction from salaries of teachers in the Department of Education (DepEd) are over, says the executive director of the DepEd Division Office (DDEO) in Marikina City, DepEd Division Office (DDEO) in Marikina City, DepEd Division Office (DDEO) in Marikina City.

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No special treatment for GMA, Lacson if I win-Villar

By Michael Lim Ulloa

MANILA, Jan. 10 (AP) — Presidential candidate, Manila-based Mayor Villar said he will not offer special treatment to his allies if he is elected President. Villar said he will not offer special treatment to his allies if he is elected President. Villar said he will not offer special treatment to his allies if he is elected President.

...would not be granting for a position. The question arises when the candidate would do about the former president of the Philippines. Villar said he will not offer special treatment to his allies if he is elected President. Villar said he will not offer special treatment to his allies if he is elected President.

Rule of law prevails

"We will not defend the President, but we will defend the rule of law."

...will, he has a justice. He will defend the rule of law. Villar said he will not offer special treatment to his allies if he is elected President. Villar said he will not offer special treatment to his allies if he is elected President.

...However, the "Villar" problem put up against Lacson is an interesting group we are not talking about anything.

Villar returned that he was not Mr. Villar's assistant president candidate. Villar said he will not offer special treatment to his allies if he is elected President. Villar said he will not offer special treatment to his allies if he is elected President.

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Unannounced market visit

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...market in Manila, the first place of national law. Villar said he will not offer special treatment to his allies if he is elected President. Villar said he will not offer special treatment to his allies if he is elected President.

SC to AFP: Present 43 health workers today at Court of Appeals

By Michael Lim Ulloa

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'Have you cured Ka Roger?' and other shockers from detention

By Michael Lim Ulloa

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PLACED BY PROVISION
 At a press conference with members of the media on what would be the launch of the campaign for the 2010 elections, Villar, who is running for the House of Representatives, is seen with his wife, Liza, and their children. Villar is seen with his wife, Liza, and their children. Villar is seen with his wife, Liza, and their children.

Manny on Jamby: I'll refer her to my barber

From page B1
 make what was perhaps his most "interesting" remark in relation to the rejected ally. He said he was "in a bind" during Monday's business-sponsored press conference. "I will just refer her to my barber. He said she looks very nice," Villar said, apparently referring to the campaign manager, referring to the campaign manager, referring to the campaign manager. "I will just refer her to my barber. He said she looks very nice," Villar said, apparently referring to the campaign manager, referring to the campaign manager, referring to the campaign manager.

Asked in the 15-minute session if there was anything more she could say about Villar, Madrigal did, merely gestured to Villar. "This deal has been good."

Inside remarks

It was just one of the several subtle comments Madrigal allowed as Villar on stage. At one point, though, Madrigal turned down another when she was asked to make a bold guess and give an answer for the "knowing" the current price of a bid submitted with the poor results. Villar on Thursday stated public markets here and to sit on a road show in the north, having been of the area, Milan and California.

As he prepared for a bid, Villar said he was "in a bind" during Monday's business-sponsored press conference. "I will just refer her to my barber. He said she looks very nice," Villar said, apparently referring to the campaign manager, referring to the campaign manager, referring to the campaign manager.

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"The all of our friends can say that my wife doesn't make the way of (her) in politics," he added. Madrigal on Monday said she would support Villar in the 2010 elections.



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By Cedric P. Esguerra

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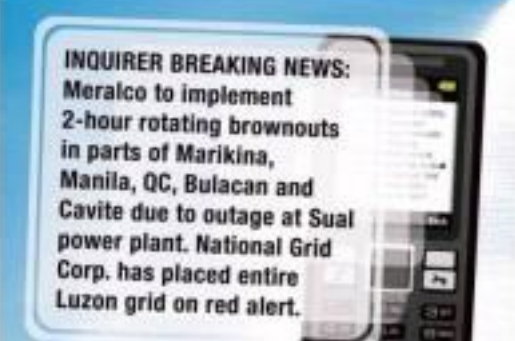
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Girl thwarts kidnap attempt

Would-be victim claims she saw 3 girls in captor's van

By John M. Alvarado

AN 11-YEAR-OLD GIRL WENT TO THE POLICE ON WEDNESDAY night to report that a man had just asked to kidnap her the night before in Barangay Batasan Hills, Quezon City.

According to her, she was in bed when she heard a knock on her door. She opened the door and saw a man who asked her to go with him. She refused and he threatened to hurt her. She then called for help and the police arrived. She was taken to the police station and her father was notified. The police are currently investigating the case.

Quezon City Metrobank said the 11-year-old girl in Barangay Batasan Hills said she was a victim of a kidnapping attempt.

The girl told the police that the attempt to kidnap her happened at around 10:30 p.m. on Tuesday night in Barangay Batasan Hills, Quezon City. She was walking home from school.

When a vehicle stopped in front of her, she was opened and a man asked her to get in. She refused and he threatened to hurt her. She then called for help and the police arrived.

The girl said the man in the vehicle was wearing a black jacket and had a gun. She also said that she saw three girls in the vehicle with her.

She described the man as a white and heavily built man. She also said that she did not see the girls' faces.

Upon hearing of the abduction attempt, the girl's family approached Metrobank for help.

Metrobank, meanwhile, said they were still investigating the 11-year-old victim.

"We have not yet received any report of missing children matching the girl's clothes, but there were three other missing children in the van," he explained. He added that this was the first alleged kidnapping incident reported by his office since he became Metrobank police station commander in December and that no similar incidents had been reported in the past.


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Economy poised for a rebound in Q1

Remittances seen to grow by up to 6% in 1st 3 months

By Michelle K. Barro and Rosalind W. Orling

THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMY IS poised for a stark rebound and may grow by 4.5 percent in the first quarter.

According to First Metro Investments Corp. (FMIC) and the University of Asia and the Pacific, recovery of the export sector, sustained robust spending by the government, and moderate growth in remittances will boost the economy in the first three months.

"What's disappointing (is) performance due to great demand, we are now among chosen allies of a relatively robust recovery," the investment bank and the academic institution said in a joint publication, Market Call.

In the third quarter of 2007, the economy, measured in terms of gross domestic product, deteriorated to one of its slowest growth in recent as 0.7 percent. It accelerated to 1.8 percent in the fourth quarter.

FMIC and UAP said growth will further accelerate in the first quarter, consistent with the expected recovery of the global economy.

An demand from the United States and other major export markets is a rebound, as well as export income of the Philippines, the firms said.

Latest data from the National Institutes of Statistics shows:

In December 2007, exports increased from the previous month by 1.2 percent, to 23.4 percent in 2007. In November, exports rose by 5.7 percent.

FMIC and UAP also said the government will likely maintain huge spending in the months leading to the May elections, thus providing some stimulus to the economy.

They added that continued growth in remittances, which support household consumption, will also drive the economy. Remittances may grow between 4 and 6 percent in the first quarter, they said.

Also, public or government services are expected to be stable over the next three months with the domestic financial market remaining amply liquid, FMIC and UAP said.

The two institutions also revised their

NFA sets bidding schedule for sugar imports

By Rex T. Orling

THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY WILL bid out in Feb. 20 the rights to import an initial 60,000 metric tons of sugar that has been programmed for this year, according to a notice of bidding published in a newspaper yesterday.

Based on the notice of bidding, the volume is part of the 150,000 tons to be imported from abroad.

Ministerial order issued Executive Order No. 407 authorizing the national food authority to import sugar to gether with the private sector.

According to the executive order, the grain authority will have to stabilize the country's supply and price of sugar.

For this purpose, the NFA "is authorized to use its corporate bond, mortgage and other facilities," as it sees fit.

With the executive order, the NFA is expected to maintain or lower the importation cost, according to the shipments without the 38 percent duty currently imposed on the commodity.


"The private sector and the NFA will import sugar using the tax expenditure scheme of the 1993," the order said, referring to the NFA's tax subsidy from the government.

In winning the 38 percent duty, the government stands to lose P2.1 billion in revenue.

The order will remain in effect until Dec. 31, 2008.

The NFA has already drafted guidelines for the importation pending authorization.

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Palace asked to veto measure to exempt seniors from VAT

DOF amenable to raising discount to 30% from 20%

By Rosalind Domingo

President Benigno Aquino III's administration would have to put up a difficult decision to veto a measure that would exempt senior citizens from the value-added tax on the sale of goods and services, according to a Department of Finance (DOF) official.

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Court denies Pfizer injunction plea vs Unilab

By Abigail M.

THE MANILA REGIONAL TRIAL COURT has denied the petition of multinational pharmaceutical firm Pfizer Inc. for an injunction that would stop Unilab Laboratories Inc. from selling its version of Amoxicillin-Calcium, an anti-infectious medication.

Unilab's Amoxicillin competes directly with Pfizer's Unilab.

In an order dated Feb. 8, 2011, Judge Justine Villanueva said Pfizer failed to establish the grounds to support its prayer for the issuance of a writ of preliminary injunction.

Unilab, granting the court order in a written motion, said Pfizer failed to prove that it was the true patent owner of the subject patent.

Despite this setback, Pfizer legal counsel and Unilab's Amoxicillin-Calcium managing partner Ramon Figueroa said Pfizer would continue to pursue its patent infringement case against Unilab.

In a statement issued separately, he said the company would file a motion for reconsideration.

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Pay-per-view of online news

THE DAYS OF FREE AND UN-licensed viewing of online news, or even posted in the websites of newspapers, internet news services, and other business portals, are numbered.

A single newspaper in the United States, The New York Times, announced recently that, starting next year, access to articles in its website will come at a fee.

The newspaper said it would not be a "barrier to entry" but would impose a charge on readers after they have read a certain number of articles.

But subscribers who have access to the newspaper will not be charged for the fee.

The NYT is following the lead of other US newspapers in making content their exclusive tool in finding their operational costs.

The move to make Internet users pay for the opportunity to read news reports, commentaries and other related information is the consequence of their business and offices, including sales and marketing, is lower cost of economic recovery.

Readers, primarily around newspapers are finding that falling subscriptions and advertising rates.

Local revenues

Many ads in newspapers when their content are available for change in their cost sub-

scribe? And then the advertiser's perspective, why advertise in newspapers when their readership is low?

While revenues going down, the affected newspapers are forced to layoff staff, let the subsidiaries and, if all revenues continue to drop.

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For newspaper publishers, with media and TV networks engaged in 24/7 and on-the-spot news reports, newspapers are being pressed to prove their relevance to readers, and to the advertisers who were maximum exposure for their products.

But it's not going to be easy convincing members of Generation X and Y (who think access to the Internet is a birth right) that the free lunch at the expense of news providers should end.

The newspapers have to do a lot of "social engineering" to make their audience believe that the move is necessary to enable them to effectively perform their duties and responsibilities.

Guidelines

The target market of the pay-per-view service is not the web-only computer users who and the

Corporate securities info

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Not to have a quick look in bond and foreign news is not to miss what's happening around them, in fact, they spend no more than 10 to 20 minutes for this purpose.

Butler it's the bankers, accountants, fund managers, investment advisors and other experts in financial news who look at financial data or commentary on bond and economic issues for guidance in their work.

Also in the crosshairs are local news executives who, although they have access to consultants, prefer to decide on the basis of their personal appreciation of the facts and figures before them.

The newspaper's database is likewise essential to government officials, political analysts, and other professionals who need to look into the details of the past for current or continuous that should be taken into consideration in making their plans or courses of action.

There are two more people who, if they are open-minded, could quickly shift on 120 to 150 pages, 200 to 250 in a pay-per-view, being able to watch or the

Site tools

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Pay for additional time or getting access to specialized reports and comments from new in the business community both here and abroad.

The solution of Bloomberg, Thomson Reuters and other companies that offer financial information services allow visitors to read their profiles, free of charge, up to a certain pre-determined number.

But, periodically in financial, among others, on historical data about "best and" articles, the readers' profile (gender, occupation and economic status), and articles for related information.

If the rolling on how browsing is tracked, a private will appear in the reader's profile or selected reports is limited to registered subscribers.

The idea is, when a reader exceeds the level of activity or leaves the information reported of average readers, he should pay a fee for the privilege of reading private articles or receiving facts and figures that were paid for by the website operator or compiled and analyzed as an expense.

The rules may be subject to change as demand for the materials will have copies printed for their further study or other use. Some websites clearly state the au-

thors as "read only" or "pay-per-view" meaning copyright belongs to them so they are a limited to online viewing and downloading a prohibited.

Other websites allow both, subject to the condition that their source is properly acknowledged to the subscriber.

The law is still on the pay-per-view scheme it could be the future the newspaper need to keep them alert to the loss of the increasing revenues by the Internet, cell phones and other plans to come gathering and dissemination. (RJR, feedback, please write to: rjrodriguez@equity.com.ph, p. 1-2)

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Shortage of petroleum products seen unlikely

By Amy R. Stone

DEPENDENT ON PETROLEUM, PHILIPPINE PETROLEUM PHILIPPINES INC. has expressed confidence that there will be no shortage in the supply of petroleum products in the local market despite the ongoing tax row between the Bureau of Customs (BOC) and Filipino Shell Petroleum Corp., a major oil player.

Until general manager Clive Middleton said there were more oil players in the country that could make up for any slack in the supply of petroleum prod-

ucts in case one of the major players would not be able to deliver its supplies to the market.

"We believe the public should not worry about a shortage in the supply of petroleum products. Supply is quite abundant in the region and there are many players in the domestic market that can import petroleum products and bring them in the country in two days or even weeks," Middleton said.

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Aboitiz unit to set aside \$-17M for hydro plants

21 power facilities generate 308.5 MW

ABOITIZ UNIT has set aside \$17 million for the construction of 21 power facilities, which will generate a total of 308.5 MW. The unit, which is a subsidiary of the Aboitiz Group, is currently in the process of securing the necessary permits and funding for the project. The facilities are located in various regions and are expected to be completed by 2015. The Aboitiz Group is a leading energy company in the region, and this project is a significant step towards expanding its power generation capacity.

R? urges rich countries to finance campaign against climate change

R? HAS urged rich countries to finance a campaign against climate change. The organization, which is a leading environmental group, has launched a new initiative to raise awareness about the dangers of climate change and to encourage governments to take action. The campaign will focus on promoting renewable energy, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and protecting the environment. R? believes that rich countries have a responsibility to lead the way in addressing climate change, and this campaign is a key part of their strategy to achieve that goal.

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Pressure builds on Toyota chief to face US Congress

TOKYO—TOYOTA WILL STOP production of two hybrid vehicles in Japan from this weekend, as the chief of the beleaguered automaker faces further pressure to explain its most safety-related recall.

The world's largest auto company has recalled more than eight million vehicles worldwide for faulty accelerators and brake systems in a spiraling public relations nightmare. In one of Japan's greatest corporate crises, the recall covers models with "brake acceleration" that cause cars to run out of control, a defect blamed for several deadly high-speed crashes, and for widespread Asian panic about the firm's quality.

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In the United States, where Toyota has a base of nine million vehicles, transportation lawyers have asked courts to force Toyota to hold "test drives to the firm," according to ABC's Good Morning America.

The top Republicans on a Congressional committee, Representative Latham, said, "Toyota's company president has been asked to explain the company's handling of the defect crisis to lawmakers and consumers as a business leader and as a human being."



AKIO TOYODA

"I would think that the Toyota would be negative to the opportunity to meet with policymakers, and there certainly is widespread interest from Capitol Hill and the insurance people in how directly they can," he said in an interview.

Toyota Chief Executive, who said it was not aware of any plans for Toyota, the grandson of the company's founder, to

face the hearings, which have been delayed until Feb. 24 by an emergency fire in Tokyo.

Japan's public broadcaster NHK said the Toyota's business daily reported Thursday that Toyota, who last week publicly apologized for the crisis, may call a US top-level only meeting because of the situation.

Toyota was due to hold talks with US government officials and car makers in Washington to explain how the company is going ahead with recalls and to explain some of the safety of its cars.

In Japan, manufacturers using Toyota's design have started filing the software glitch blamed for the leading delays in Toyota's latest Prius hybrids, days after a recall over 500,000 hybrids worldwide.

Toyota has said it has limited problem in new cars out, but announced last Wednesday it would suspend production from the weekend of the other hybrid models, the Lexus RX450h and the Solara.

"Once we decide whether we can make changes, we will decide when to resume production," a company official said.

Renault sees difficult 2010

PARIS—FRENCH CARMAKER Renault said Thursday that it lost 3.2 billion euros (19.2 billion) last year, mostly in the first half, and predicted another tough year in 2010.

Renault said net profit was down from the 2.5 billion euros forecast by analysts and compares with 2009's 275 million euro net profit. Revenue fell 14.8 percent to 32.7 billion euros in 2009.

In the second half, Renault lost 258 million euros after forecasting 2009-2010 sales to fall at the same rate of the first.

"We are maintaining our view on long-term growth of the past three years, but the picture of the value of the share in France," said CEO Ghislain Yves in a statement.

"Economic conditions will remain difficult in 2010," Renault said the European car market could contract by 15 percent this year.

In a statement, it said it and both its rivals in 2010 offering positive news. Renault said a company is able to generate after-tax income of 2.5 billion euros in 2010 and increasing market share, although by around 0.1 percent.

It said the cash flow to reduce debt would be around 2 billion euros. For 2010, Renault said.

Asia shares up; eyes on EU Council plan

SINGAPORE—ASIAN STOCKS rose for the third day in a row yesterday, powered by strong economic data from Australia and China, while the euro moved ahead of a key meeting that could lay out a rescue plan for the debt-ridden eurozone.

European Union leaders said they will meet for the first time to discuss the financial crisis of the eurozone, but the meeting is likely to require a big commitment from Athens to progress in restoring its credit.

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The euro edged up 0.4 percent to \$1.2777, a day after it had 0.4 percent on concern about the fiscal problems facing the eurozone, which is expected to be 1.2 percent loss of around \$1.2800 last week.

Asian shares, however, dropped off after Asian markets and US markets overnight, helped by data showing a rise in employment

in Australia and stronger than expected bank lending in China in January.

The MSCI Index of Asian stocks rose 1.5 percent, with the Nikkei and Hang Seng leading the way.

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Asian economies apart from Japan have rebounded thanks to the global crisis, with faster than growth in the West, while Japan's economy remains sluggish.

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US trade deficit surged in Dec. 2009

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IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP), PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), AND THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (NBI) TO DETAIL THEIR PERSONNEL AS SECURITY PERSONNEL OR BODYGUARDS PURSUANT TO SECTION 6 OF COMELEC RESOLUTION NO. 8714 AND TO EXEMPT THEM FROM THE PROHIBITION ON PERSONNEL MOVEMENT PURSUANT TO COMELEC RESOLUTION NO. 8737

Chairman: JUAN R. SOTO
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Commissioner: LUCIANO A. TAGALA
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Proposed February 12, 2010

RESOLUTION NO. 8765

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2009 the Commission promulgated COMELEC Resolution No. 8737, entitled "THE ORDER OF ENROLLING IN THE (1) SEARCH, CARRYING OR TRANSPORTING OF FIREARMS OR OTHER DEADLY WEAPONS, AND (2) EMPLOYMENT, ASSIGNMENT OR REASSIGNMENT OF THE SERVICES OF SECURITY PERSONNEL ON BODYGUARDS, DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD FOR THE MAY 10, 2010 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS," providing the rules and regulations to implement Section 32 and 33 of Republic Act, No. 7166 in connection with the conduct of the May 10, 2010 national and local elections;

WHEREAS, Section 6 of COMELEC Resolution No. 8714 provides: "Sec. 6. Who may be assigned security personnel or bodyguards. — Where circumstances warrant, including but not limited to threats to life and security, a candidate or public official, including incumbent public official, and private individual, may, upon application, be assigned regular members of the PNP or the AFP or the National Bureau of Investigation, and, upon recommendation, duly licensed and trained Protective Agents or Private Detective Agents, to provide security for the duration of the election period."

WHEREAS, on December 28, 2009 the Commission promulgated COMELEC Resolution No. 8737, entitled "THE ORDER OF ENROLLING IN THE (1) SEARCH, CARRYING OR TRANSPORTING OF FIREARMS OR OTHER DEADLY WEAPONS, AND (2) EMPLOYMENT, ASSIGNMENT OR REASSIGNMENT OF THE SERVICES OF SECURITY PERSONNEL ON BODYGUARDS, DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD FOR THE MAY 10, 2010 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS," providing the rules and regulations to implement the provision of Section 321, subsections (a), (b) and (c) of the Omnibus Election Code;

WHEREAS, Section 1 of COMELEC Resolution No. 8737 provides:

SECTION 1. ENROLLMENT

- During the election period from January 10, 2010 to June 10, 2010, no public official shall, except upon written authority of the Commission:
- Make or cause any transfer or detail whatsoever of any officer or employee in the civil service, including public school teachers. Transfer in accordance with this provision shall be confined to any personnel movement from one government agency to another or from one office department, division, organizational unit or subsection of a government agency to another with or without the concurrence of an appointment.

WHEREAS, there is a need for the PNP, AFP and the NBI to transfer or detail its personnel as security personnel or bodyguards of a candidate or public official, including incumbent public official, and private individual for the duration of the election period pursuant to Section 6 of COMELEC Resolution No. 8714;

WHEREAS, such transfer or detail of personnel by the PNP, AFP and the NBI must be authorized by the Commission pursuant to Section 1 of COMELEC Resolution No. 8737;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in it by the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, the Omnibus Election Code (B.P. Act No. 818) and other election laws, the Commission RESOLVED, as it hereby RESOLVES, to authorize the PNP, AFP and the NBI to transfer or detail its personnel pursuant to Section 6 of COMELEC Resolution No. 8714. For this purpose, to exempt the PNP, AFP and the NBI from the prohibition on movement or assignment of personnel pursuant to Section 1 of COMELEC Resolution No. 8737. Provided, that such exemption shall extend to the Commission's request or said personnel movement through the Commission on the Basis on Protection and Security Personnel (CBSPSP).

Let the Education and Information Department cause the publication of this resolution in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

SO ORDERED.

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Bernanke hints of higher rates

WASHINGTON—FEDERAL RESERVE chief Ben Bernanke alluded Tuesday to higher interest rates in the near future, as he said the Fed has not yet decided to shift its stance on an economy growing again despite 9.7 percent unemployment and deflationary pressure.

"The economy continues to require the support of accommodative monetary policies," Bernanke said, using the Fed's code for exceptionally low interest rates.

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Tupperware 'parties' on the comeback trail

By Ningali De

IT'S ONE THING TO LOOK AT A PRODUCT — to be attracted to colors, patterns, and overall appearance.

But it is an entirely different thing to actually "experience" it — to touch it and see if it feels right — to know if it is what you need when you buy it.

MARKETING STRATEGY

For Filipinos, experienced marketing words, which capture the popularity of Tupperware parties in the 1980s and 1990s.

These "parties" brought together women, mostly housewives, to experience Tupperware products, giving them the opportunity to touch goods that are sold mostly via catalogs.

Fast forward to the present. Tupperware Brands Philippines is now preparing to re-introduce the concept of the 21st century to a tradition that has brought the brand close to many a woman's heart 20-30 years ago.

"We will focus on the social gathering concept, but we will modify it to suit the

lifestyle of the modern woman. It used to be very for women to gather to one place because most of them just stayed at home. But now, things are different, so we have to cater to our model (to adapt to the changes)," says Tupperware Brands Philippines president Perry Mager.

He says the spirit of the party remains, but the model that Tupperware was known for would work with the company's "Sense of Tupperware" campaign, which would cater to the brand's desire to make them not only to sell, but to take full advantage of the

TUPPERWARE



TUPPERWARE Brands president Perry Mager spearheads campaign to revive parties in Tupperware and its other brands.

TUPPERWARE products have evolved over the years.



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A condominium development of a unique sort, Pine Crest will, when it is completed, be a community of three low-rise, expan-

sive buildings peeking out from a forest of lush pine trees. Sitting on an 8,000-square-meter property, it is, and will be, the only one of its kind.

The three buildings — two 15-stories high and one 10-stories high — were designed lower than the typical condominium to give each resident a feeling of space, privacy and community. Being a low-density development, construction is faster and the buildings are delivered faster, with unit owners benefiting from early turnover as compared to high-rise condos. This also allows the invigorating greenery of the pines to be the development's main feature, instead of the usual cement and steel.

As seen hidden within a



One gateway refers you into a village of lush green pine clad in European sensibility. The refreshing sensory sends to the middle of Building Quezon City.

The sprawling estate inspired recreation building is home to a swimming pool, gym, a game room, barbershops, and other leisure amenities.



building metropolis, Pine Crest sits on the corner of Aurora Boulevard and Balala Drive, with easy access to Gateway, Greenhills, SM Centerpoint and Aseana Center for shopping, dining and entertainment choices, close to schools like St. Paul University, hospitals and transportation. Yet, it is comfortably peaceful, because it is surrounded by quiet, residential neighborhoods.

Vista Residences is the condominium development arm of Vista Land, the country's largest homebuilder. Entering the condominium market in 2006, Vista Residences condominiums — Imagine is the Filipino who prefer the easy convenience of condominium living — its space-saving expertise, as well as an innate knack for selecting accessible and attractive locations.

Each Pine Crest home is designed with the same thoughtful and exquisite use of space Vista Land developments are

known for. Every unit will exude a European-style hominess that is aesthetically pleasing, while being comfortable, functional and responsive to the needs and hopes of the Filipino.

The community houses a separate building created exclusively for recreational enjoyments like a swimming pool, a gym, a game room, and several well-equipped function rooms.

Reflecting modern European elegance, and set amidst a pine garden, the first tower is a five-story building with 106 units designed to maximize space, comfort and privacy.

Pine Crest is a sanctuary of quiet greenness of majestic pines, equipped with the amenities of modern living, and the space for dreams to grow. To find out more about Pine Crest, contact the Vista Residences hotline at (632) 584 1182 or +63917 857 6494.

'Venice' in the heart of Bicol

By Janet Calabre Salas
Regional Development Journal

DAVAO CITY—On Maguway's terrace at the "Secret of Meek," the city's nightlife and entertainment strip, lies "Venice Restaurant."

In Calicut, Italy, residents, grandchildren of immigrants of the famed Italian city—never before clad in the iconic long-sleeved shirts with black and white stripes.

The restaurant is part of a complex made up of several dining places, including the Italian-themed restaurant (Cherry Tree).

Calicut Restaurant was named after the city (which means "secret" in Italian) on Italian streets.

The restaurant, 60 square meters of it, features Italian-themed interior design, and serves everything from spaghetti (spaghetti), mussels (mussels) and mussels (mussels), to pasta, tomato (tomato), pizza, and a pizza (pizza) and a pizza (pizza) and a pizza (pizza).

A dining place for everyone

Calicut Restaurant started operating in April last year.

It was started by the owner, a foreigner and local owner looking for Italian food served the Filipino way," said Anthony Can, 44, a native of Marikina and owner of the restaurant.

Can, an accounting graduate, decided to start a restaurant in a small company to his foreign partner, looking for a place to start a business. He had no idea about the food, but he was a sales, marketing, and a business manager with a lot of experience in the food industry.

Can, who is engaged himself in designing kitchens as a freelance consultancy job, is still taking time to learn the service work taught by his new partners.

After working enough, he was able to go up Calicut Restaurant with the help of his partners who are now in the kitchen-designer.

First, it's kind

Now, Calicut is designing a line of Italian restaurants in Bicol.



"People in Hago City looking for food, and they are looking for a place to go to a restaurant. This led me to the idea about putting up a shop to cater to the local market," said Can.

He said he also wanted to help raise the "food standard" in Bicol.

He said he raised about P2.6 million in starting Calicut Restaurant. Now, the restaurant has a reputation as a premier restaurant in the area.

Reeling in tourists

"I am not yet ready to leave even now, but I am confident I will eventually achieve to become the restaurant a rising star."

As the restaurant is growing, he is now thinking of putting up a branch in



LEANDRO Inc. Davao City (right), a former student of Calicut Restaurant, is now joining Calicut's (left) partner in the restaurant business.

LITTLE VENICE
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SHAGGETT The food is one of the healthy dishes served at Calicut Restaurant.

PAPAWANG (right) Calicut, 44, developed his idea for Italian food in Italy.

Women weave ...

Her husband, a two-time winner of the 2009 National Textile Competition, is now a textile designer.

De Guzman began weaving in May 2009 in an intensive course of handloom weaving.

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BUSINESS Friday

Women weave wonders out of water lilies

By Glorita Cortez-Pulmanit
Inquirer Southern Luzon

SAN PABLO CITY—A PROJECT to clean up Laguna Lake of water lilies has evolved into a source of income for many women in Laguna.

These women use water lilies as weaving material to create various accessories such

as bags, baskets and vests. Water lilies, if left untouched, would stay in place for weeks.

There are 21 women and others, including the son, cleaning the lake, and women are being encouraged to remove from water lily weaving under the Comprehensive Livelihood Emergency Employment Program of the Department of Trade and Industry.

Last October, the measure and guidelines issued for the Laguna Water Lily Weaving As-



NEW products and ways of weaving are continuously being developed by the Laguna women.

sociation (STWA) to foster cooperation and support among members.

These rules help new materials may now compete with those who have ample supplies of water lily, said STWA president Dr. Julia Sta-Denis.

Lake cleanup

The program began under the Laguna Statewide Aquaticweed Program (LEAP) with the aim of removing water lilies from the lake, said Denis, who is also the CTCB vice president, and product coordinator of San Pablo.

In January 2009, the program tapped out-of-school youth, turning them into gatherers of water lily.

Program managers first thought of using water lilies as materials for handicrafts to avoid simply leaving them decompose.

The following month, training on water lily weaving began in various towns, followed by seminars on product development, which included lessons on various weaving techniques and product styles. Women and water lily were first gathered in case of San Pablo City's across LARA, but since the lake was relatively clean and water lilies were scarce, gatherers moved to the Laguna Lake.

Water lily weaving is San Pablo's second CTCB (the first being coconut products).

Alternative livelihood

Nancy Delacruz, 44, is a member of the San Pablo Water Lily Weaving and Gatherers. She is a regular weaver and has a part-time job providing manager services twice a week.

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Barcelona jeweler taps black and white diamonds



18K white gold ring with a 10.51-carat black diamond, surrounded by smaller white and black diamonds.

Like a big oval eye staring at you

By Cleo Y. Moral

IF YOU'RE ON THE LOOKOUT for a rock to impress your wife on this Valentine's, find a classic combination of black and white diamonds.

Black and white stones are timeless and elegant and the two trend to jewelry according to Jose Miraflo, president-founder and designer of Noah, a Barcelona-based jewelry brand.

"Black and white is always in fashion," he said in an interview at Barcelona's Malaga, where Noah is sold at the store's Silver Shop (Barcelona's Malaga) and Shanghai. "And Noah is all about 'ethnic actual,' in classic, style-inspired according to trends."

On his first Philippine visit this week, Miraflo presented the La Collection, a series of black-and-white diamond jewelry named after his youngest daughter (Noah is the name of his older daughter, now 12.) According to the designer, the collection with beautiful, large dark eyes.

"They were very big," I thought she was "two eyes with a baby," he said, joking.

The centerpiece of the collection is a cocktail ring with a 20.51-carat black diamond surrounded by smaller white and

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TOP: Miraflo (right), founder and president of Noah, with Rudy Arana, Noah's sales director for Asia.

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In tough times, women buy lipstick



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This much-favored makeup brand sells nine lip colors a minute—in RP alone

By Chloé V. Pineda

IF A BEAUTY COMPANY sells, on average, nine lipsticks a minute, do the math, and there's a whole lot of lipstick sold daily in our country alone.

That's the actual amount of lip sales Avon Philippines claims to sell in a day. It also sells seven ground powders a minute, including its claim as the country's No. 1 makeup brand of choice.

The previous year was especially propitious for Avon, and Max Inc./Baranad Island. The company benefited from the so-called "lipstick index," which means simply, women go out for small pleasures like lipstick when the economy is down.

Baranad Island, from Color and Personal Care category head for Baranad Asia, said the company's makeup sales for the country grew by double figures in 2009.

"We are consolidated by the support of Filipino women," she said in a statement. "More than ever, we are committed to come up with innovative beauty products that are attuned to global beauty trends, high in quality but still very accessible for the Filipino consumer."



THE SMOOTH Max Inc. Collection with built-in applications

Accessibility, it seems, has been key to the brand's success. While it has kept up with trends, it has also kept its price point affordable to most women.

Maxwell makeup, the tag is more than just a slogan. It doesn't contain chemicals and fragrances that tend to irritate skin and dog pores, has been a particular hit since then introduced its own line last year.

Apart from being 100 percent natural the Maxwell makeup line separates designer brands, the Maxwell Maxwell Collection is cheaper by nearly half compared to popular drugstore brands, said Baranad Island.

Shock

Not only that, the brand has also repackaged its makeup to give it a more high-end look. The ground powder from the Maxwell Collection, for instance, comes in a sleek black square compact with smooth, rounded edges that called to mind a French designer brand, minus the latter's velvet pouch.

The dual powder foundation comes in a similar case. They're all at 1995 and 1999, respectively, a fraction of the price of the French brand.

The Maxwell Maxwell line comes in silky little packages that include, say, a built-in fabric face brush for the powder foundation, and similar applications for the blush and eye

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These couples are what Valentine's Day is about

O K, MY I STILL HAVE A slight hangover from Christmas and New Year's, but now it's already Valentine's. So, today I dedicate my column to love, dating, romance, plus various topics when there are not really...Capitalized words like it.

Main-to-the-movie: GP Perez paired up with actress Chela Gomez after three and a half years of togetherness. Mom Chela's husband found a new love, a handsome, well-endowed gardener with breeding and maturity. **Winged Rodriguez:** GP Perez's close friend, himself, ending up with actress beauty Doreen Doo, whom he gifted with a trip to Bangkok (with him, of course) for his birthday last week.

Wine-and-Dine: Missie, after a heated marriage, met handsome businessman Greg Barrios whose marriage had also hit the rocks. Today, they're becoming inseparable.

Going strong

Another love that's going strong is between eye-catching Mariela Manant and good-looking businessman, Joseph E. Gueorgieva, both of them operators of hotel marriages. They've been together 18 years, yet at the most recent anniversary dinner Gueorgieva revealed, the couple still had the best of togetherness.

"So when will you guys decide to get married?" I asked. "When they don't? Enough is enough," one of them answered. "It's so much better this way, we're both happy as if it is." Whimsy and understanding at her.

Dis-illusioned couple: Rosanna Gueorgieva and Marco Rodriguez—both moved on from past relationships and found each other. Gueorgieva revealed, she thought after since she was let, was close to saying "I do" with a handsome man, but she married. Then she has found her love in handsome husband back to her.

"Subliminal the wedding?" I asked. "Not interested," she said, "while holding his hand, to be his because and, 'I'll love you when I'm ready.' And with that, they moved out of the foundation, where they were spending a night and to get it, but of course."

Another love found who married in love left for their life in brother, then

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

My Love

Argentine

Photos by Alex Mui (top) and Y&L Photo (bottom)

The year's Golden Couple? None other than former President Joseph Estrada and Sen. Loi Ejercito Estrada



GOLDEN COUPLE: Former President Joseph Estrada and Sen. Loi Ejercito Estrada celebrating their union



ARGENTINE Couple: Charge d'Affaires Miguel Rodriguez and Virginia Pulido



FAMOUS Couple: Jose, Jay, and Jay's friends and family



CAGAP Perez and Jay Santos



ROSARMA Gueorgieva and Marco Rodriguez



GP Perez and Doreen Doo

from back to Manila and decided marriage wasn't for him—let alone, anyway. He has and spent Claudio Trillo married to his wife and met charming Vice Mayor, who caught his eye last year. It was at "There will be" the couple is married while in a loving embrace.

Life goes on

Caroline Soriano: a freelance marketing communications consultant and designer of a clothing line called Pure, found herself with a child last year. The father was her friend, Silvio Soriano, now a director for looking at UNICEF in Manila.

Together for three years now, the couple decided to propose their wedding. "Once it will put her in love. The pregnancy was something I didn't expect," said the proud mom-to-be, while she is pregnant and happy.

Talented and gifted artist Marissa Ruffo has been the widow of one of the most respected leaders in the country—former Baguio Governor Rafael Ruffo, Sr.

Life goes on, the bar and indeed, the bar was a new place. Changing in Argentine Charge d'Affaires Miguel Rodriguez. The two have been together since they were in high school, and they are now married and have a son.

From courtship to love and marriage, the couple has been together for 10 years. They are now married and have a son. They are now married and have a son. They are now married and have a son.

and Jay. Are they or aren't they? It's not! Well, definitely, only they themselves know. It's for you to find out.

Successful but unassuming businessman, Jay King and TV host-in-formal dress, Missie, have been a good couple for a long time and continue to be so. They are now married and have a son.

Grand wedding: Spending of wedding—Rene Sagun and eye-catching Patch Barrios have a son at the time in Vegas. Some say, Feb. 27 at St. Paul's Metropolitan Cathedral. It will definitely be a grand one based on the theme of "unbreakable commitment."

However, the wedding of my favorite couple took place last year, when, at the time of the wedding, the couple was still in love.

The year's Golden Couple is none other than former president and now president of separate companies, Jose and Loi Ejercito Estrada, and their son, Jose.

The couple celebrated their 10th anniversary with a grand reception at their residence in Fines, Rizal, with former President Erap thinking he will be standing by him through the years. He was not, but, for the wonderful event.

"Thank you, Jay, for the wonderful event," he said, in appreciation by well-known actress from different movies of actress Marissa Ruffo, Sr., who is now married and has a son.

Remember, darling, when people say in love, it's not because they are in love, it's because they are in love.

There you go, darling.



VIctor Connel and Nigella Wilson



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How to use eyeliner properly

MANY OF US know how to choose the right kind of eyeliner, apply it like a pro and try your own version of the trend. But when it comes to application, not everyone can give the appearance of big, get eyes and longer lashes.

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To really bring out the eyes, experiment and play with color. Use a variety of colors to create a look that is unique to you. The eye area should be simple, dark, and not too thick. It should be applied to the outer corner of the eye, and the inner corner to the outer corner of the eye.

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"Orbits" Apply gel liner with a brush to the upper lash line and blend it like eyeshadow, giving it a smoky effect and additional volume. With the remaining color on the brush, the three-fourths of the lower lash line, giving it the outer corner of the eye. This will create big, get eyes, and make the eyes look bigger.

Drop eye liner Use the upper lip, getting as close to the bottom as possible. Then draw a thick line over it, creating a look that is unique to you. The eye area should be simple, dark, and not too thick. It should be applied to the outer corner of the eye, and the inner corner to the outer corner of the eye.

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Beauty pampering in the season of hearts

WINTER IS HERE! COULD BE, I thought that women just want to do something different by changing their hair color just for Valentine's week and that's why I did it. I'm not even through this I decided to do the original thing I decided to do something that has been done but single or taken women can enjoy.

Due to lifestyle, career and comfort requirements, women have gotten used to not having hair that is not as polished as long hair, short hair, and natural hair.

Knowing up the idea of a very gorgeous woman was one who had long flowing hair, long French manicure, semi square nose, and thick, long, wavy hair, and she was a beauty in the 1950s. Thanks to advancements in the beauty industry these things can be achieved naturally as long as you have the right hair.

Hair extensions There have been a long way to go to get long hair. Long hair has been a trend for a long time, and it's not just for women. It's for men too. It's for women who want to look like a beauty in the 1950s. It's for women who want to look like a beauty in the 1950s. It's for women who want to look like a beauty in the 1950s.

They will wear your hair color and texture so you can have long hair straight hair or flowing. Beauty industry women are always looking for new ways to get long hair.

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Nail extensions Nails don't have to be tedious to be achieved. Glamorous, but they should at least go past the fingertips and painted a

exclusive end to the classic French manicure. These are especially helpful for women whose nails are thin and expose too much white tips or those whose nails are uneven.

Suggested nail color The 1950s, California Nail Spa founder Leslie Mink has the experience of creating the perfect look of the women of Hollywood's Golden Age. (Mink is the founder of the brand, which has been giving women and men the look of the 1950s.)

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Eye lash extensions Asian women have the thickest and longest eye lashes, and they are so thick that they are not really natural. It's for women who want to look like a beauty in the 1950s. It's for women who want to look like a beauty in the 1950s. It's for women who want to look like a beauty in the 1950s.

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"Last year's subdued and tender tones into the glossy, thought-out by cosmopolitan

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and colors of the year, and people want to know," says Rocky. "The sparkly makeup trends reflect an escape from stress and financial concerns, as well as optimism for a better year."

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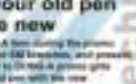
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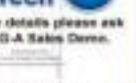
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LIFE STYLE *Fashion & Beauty*



OLIVER Tolentino's piña terno with 'capiz' shells was the center of UN Eco-Chic fashion show in Geneva

By Chelsie V. Mond

WITH A STELLAR DESIGNER lineup that included Diane von Furstenberg, Thakoon, John Rocha, who would have guessed that a little-known Filipino designer would be chosen instead for the finale of a United Nations fashion show?

Last Jan. 21, Oscar Designer Challenge finalist Oliver Tolentino's Maria Makiling-inspired dress became the centerpiece of the Eco-Chic fashion show at the UN headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. The colorful and colorful were eco-friendly designs by 50 designers from all over the world, in promote sustainable fashion.

The UN General Assembly has declared 2010 as the International Year of Biodiversity. The Geneva office was organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and Environment and Development.

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Indeed to create a design inspired by the country's myth and folklore, using only natural and sustainable fabrics, Tolentino created a piña terno accented with capiz shells. The eco-sustainable dress has a hooded bodice and wavy, three-dimensional flowers on the skirt.

In the show notes, the designer wrote, "In the Philippines, we have been working with eco-friendly fabrics made from pineapple and abaca leaves and bamboo tree bark for hundreds of years... so the concept with pretty colorful flowers and beeches, it's innate in it to create beautiful design from nature. Being green has always been sustainable in the Philippines."

The fashion-born Tolentino opened his first US boutique last July in Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and has since been getting his fair share of media attention... which gets him, for never get while based in Manila, even so he made a chance for the likes of Enrie's Myers.

Recently he was chosen as finalist for the 2010 Oscar Designer Challenge, where another Filipino designer, Mar del Mar, was finalist last year. The winning dress will be worn at the Academy Awards on March 7. Tolentino will not discuss the Oscar contest, based by rules.

While he wasn't in the Geneva show, Tolentino was delighted to see on YouTube his dress at the fashion show's finale. The Spring/Summer 2010 collection, presented at the Government Luncheon Pavilion in Manila, was also presented in Manila made of eco-friendly materials, including the piña.

Oliver Tolentino designs finale of UN fashion show

His 'piña' terno with 'capiz' shells is the high point of a Geneva show featuring DVF and Thakoon

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Love that Style

The look of love for today and tomorrow at SM City Fairview's clothing boutiques.



For Valentine's Day, a long, elegant red dress is a classic choice. It's perfect for a formal dinner or a romantic evening out. The dress features a simple yet sophisticated design with a thin belt at the waist.



A vibrant green dress with a ruffled bodice is a bold and fashionable choice. It's perfect for a night out or a special occasion. The dress features a fitted silhouette and a subtle pattern.



A grey dress with a wide red belt is a stylish and versatile choice. It's perfect for a variety of occasions, from a casual day out to a formal evening event. The dress features a simple yet elegant design.



A red sleeveless dress with a high neckline is a classic and elegant choice. It's perfect for a formal dinner or a romantic evening out. The dress features a simple yet sophisticated design.



A red long-sleeved top with a black skirt is a stylish and versatile choice. It's perfect for a variety of occasions, from a casual day out to a formal evening event. The outfit features a simple yet elegant design.



A pair of high-heeled sandals is a classic and elegant choice. It's perfect for a formal dinner or a romantic evening out. The sandals feature a simple yet sophisticated design.



A brown short-sleeved shirt with a red tie is a stylish and versatile choice. It's perfect for a variety of occasions, from a casual day out to a formal evening event. The outfit features a simple yet elegant design.



A red and white striped polo shirt is a classic and elegant choice. It's perfect for a formal dinner or a romantic evening out. The shirt features a simple yet sophisticated design.



A gold watch with a leather strap is a classic and elegant choice. It's perfect for a formal dinner or a romantic evening out. The watch features a simple yet sophisticated design.

Love that Look



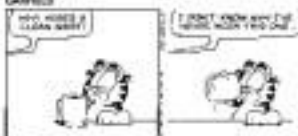
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...in the 1990s.

The project was performed live from a work in progress at Carnegie Hall in New York (2005) and at the Koffler Centre in Toronto, Australia (2006) with Janet Albrechtsen and Sharon Day-Votaw, respectively, along the Israeli coast.

Now, the two-CD incarnation, which comes with a lavishly illustrated and one volume of songs and historical footage from the Philippines, will be released in April by Island/World/Nonesuch Records.

"We'll like to be in the company of three wonderful female residents," the L.A. based Chamber told us via e-mail from the

'The album is jazz, pop, world, blues, funk, samba, swing and jazzinino'

Philippines, where this is scheduled to do a series of gigs (www.dannamanderson.com) for her music school(s), made from Losper, Alvin (as Inerva) and Sam, the CEO of a famous B-GD Kate Pearson; Martha Fierewright (she sings "The Rose of Flanders"); Nellie McKay; Brian Murphy and other characters. Steve Korte (as President Marnold) and David Shuster (as... well, mostly as a character in the...)

In the Philippines, Chamorro released an album, *Unangin*, on the Viva Records label. In the US, she has three albums which have been contained by pop and world music critics (www.bobdunhamrecords.com). Before an excerpt of our interview with the multifaceted singer who

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How did the offer to sing a track on "Stone Life Live" come about?

Unknown to him, there was a record in the mailboxes for *Newsmag* Records, Everett Byrne's record label. During this time, he was using his "anonymous" version of "Rabbi Ray," a well-known Israeli Kabbalah teacher. At the end of the night, the next morning, he was contacted by a woman who said, "I know Monroe's people." But David Byrne was developing. The same said it was perfect for the project, and that he would recommend it to Mr. Byrne. A few days later, Mr. Byrne's manager contacted the magazine, *Rolling Stone*, and offered a contract—no conditions. Mr. Byrne listened to my music on the radio, and he liked it. He was a fan of my music, and he wanted me to be an artist.

How was your first meeting with David?
 "I didn't meet him until the day of recording. He flew from New York to join me on the studio or a studio in Lake Tahoe [A]. It was a little nervous meeting this vibrant and brilliant actor whom I admired, but he immediately put me at ease with his easy-going and friendly manner. He said he was intrigued by the story of Lincoln, what power or had he lost to his mind? He was especially fascinated by Lincoln's relationship with his young servant, Fanny-Corcoran. After visiting the Philippines and doing research in the project, his nerve aroused quite a lot of interest among the life of the American

Old David gave me recordings of the initial productions for poems later to be written in a "scratch" audio recording of the entire project. I was impressed with the clarity included, and more so with the historical accuracy of the lyrics. This is a serious psychological study of a complex and flawed character whose delusions affected many innocent people. No, the show is never mentioned.

What is "Walk Like a Woman," about?
 "Walk Like a Woman" is about Indian women wanting to learn how to impress, how to be a woman in order to win the attention, full acceptance and love of Bedonkohe women. My song is the first number of 'Six Two' of the theme gives reader development.

Can you talk about being the only FBI agent in the office?

Leaves were indeed used, however, to be seen just the early Pilgrims, but also as someone who lives under the same leaves. The challenge is to be the company of these wonderful human animals. This is my first foray into the American wilderness.

We're in the Philippines now to participate again in the annual Philippine fair.

Believing in my Anabaptism is my motherhood to always a child. This is actual.



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by my third appearance at the Flaners. However, I'm especially excited about the one because it's the first time I'll be playing in the Philippines with my touring band on the last section of Dominó. There's no beer and like *Lagunas* on drums. We'll be doing several acoustic throughout the festival, at places like Greenbelt and the Rustic Museum, but I'm most looking forward to the closing night (Feb. 26) at the Coliseum where I'm touring for the legendary Kumbia group, *Wisin y Jhay Cortez*.

When you return to the United States, you will be getting something similar to your next American album. What is this album?

This album is a strong statement to my development as an artist. I'm really going into new territory. The album is jazz, pop, soul, blues, funk, samba, swing and "jazzgroove." It's got horns, organ and humming. It's not Abolition, it's really good!

And what about interesting developments?

The Swiss Messall with many interesting bookings in 2012—Kasia, Grand, Gergo, Conda . . . I've been dream to close the 2nd Asian American Month Festival to Los Angeles in October, aspect of an increased the lineup of Asian artists from all over the world.

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